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The Government Administration Council recently ordered the major administrative regions to restrict recruiting of teachers and students by military and other government agencies in order to minimize disruption of the educational system. This order is summarized as follows:

1. The Ministry of Education has received reports from schools in various areas that indiscriminate drafting of teachers and students is interfering with the regular education program. Two municipal middle schools and nine private middle schools in Hengyang formerly had a total of about 5,000 students. About 4,000 of these have been drafted and dispatched to other areas by military and other government agencies during the past three months; consequently, these schools are unable to carry on. In Honan upper-class students at the Normal School of Shang Chui who were scheduled to graduate in about six months were drafted by the Military Region authorities for work in cultural activities corps shortly after the semester had begun. Similar cases have been reported in Liyang, Kiangsu; in Tsinan, Shantung; and Paoting, Honan. This indiscriminate drafting not only disrupts established educational policy, but also ruins those whom the state is trying to educate. The situation is serious and immediate remedies must be found.
2. Therefore, the major administrative regions together with the concerned local government authorities must insure that government agencies requiring the service of teachers, students or technicians first procure the consent of the local governments concerned. After this consent is granted, the local educational authorities will designate areas, schools and fixed quotas which will be made available.
3. No draftee shall be taken into service until a roster of prospective draftees has been presented to the local government concerned for its approval.
4. Drafting not conducted in accordance with these provisions may be ordered stopped by the local government authorities.
5. Teachers and students drafted before the issuance of this decree, but who have not yet reported for duty shall be immediately discharged by the authorities responsible for their drafting.

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